

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on December 11, 2006.

Claims 1-21 are now pending in this application. However, the Examiner has withdrawn claims 1-10 as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Therefore, claims 11-21 are currently being examined.

Claims 11 and 12 have been amended. Support for the subject matter of present claim 11, relating to treating vaginal atrophy, promoting vaginal epithelial cell proliferation and/or promoting vaginal epithelial cell differentiation in a patient in need thereof, is found throughout the specification and the claims as originally filed, for example, in the Examples and original claim 12. Support for the subject matter of current claim 12 is similarly found throughout the specification and the claims as originally filed, for example, in the Examples and original claim 12.

Applicant submits that no new subject matter has been added to the application or claims.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 11-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly lacking enablement. The Examiner has stated that treatment of vaginal atrophy and promotion of vaginal epithelial cell proliferation/differentiation in a patient in need thereof is allowable subject matter. To expedite allowance of the application, the subject matter of the present claims is directed to this allowable subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (516) 795-6820 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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